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# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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TELEPHONE FACILITY IN WEST BENGAL
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of villages having telephone facility at present in West Bengal district-wise;

(b) the number of villages not having said facility as yet in the State, District-wise;

(c) whether villages in Barjora P.S. and Gangajalghati P.S. of Bankura district in State have applied for the telephone where the cables are yet to be laid;

(d) by when these villages are likely to be connected by the cables;

(e) whether the telephone facility of Maliara village in Bankura District West Bengal are being properly utilized; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b) District-wise, number of villages having telephone facility and without telephone facility in West Bengal Stateare given in the annexure.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. While most of the applicants have been provided with telephone facilities in Barjora and Gangajalghati P.S., a total of 212 applicants are waiting due to non availability of cable pairs. These are likely to be covered by June, 2003 subject to availability of resources.

(e) & (f) Yes, Sir. The equipment capacity of Maliara exchange is 1000 lines. Out of this, 292 connections have already been provided. There is a waiting list of 222 applicants which are likely to be covered by June, 2003.

ANNEXURE

STATUS OF DISTRICT-WISE VPTs IN WEST BENGAL

| Sl. No. | District | No. of villages with telephone facility | No. of villages without Telephone facility |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Burdwan | 2488 | 0 |
| 2. | Murshidabad | 1837 | 81 |
| 3. | Bankura | 3263 | 175 |
| 4. | Howrah | 1345 | 0 |
| 5. | Hoogly | 1245 | 0 |
| 6. | 24 Parganas (N) | 2487 | 0 |
| 7. | 24 Parganas (S) | 1273 | 0 |
| 8. | Coochbehar | 1170 | 0 |
| 9. | Jalpaiguri | 703 | 0 |
| 10. | Midnapur | 10166 | 200 |
| 11. | Nadia | 1248 | 0 |
| 12. | Malda | 1641 | 0 |
| 13. | Purulia | 2161 | 522 |
| 14. | Dinajpur (N) | 1510 | 0 |
| 15. | Dinajpur (S) | 1535 | 0 |
| 16. | Darjeeling | 628 | 0 |
| 17. | Birbhum | 2232 | 0 |
| 18. | Sikkim | 374 | 53 |
| Total | | 37306 | 1031 |